



Let us not forget

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CAMP STRIKER — September 21 is designated Missing in Action/Prisoner of War Day by the president of the United States.

This remembrance is a nationwide symbol to the nearly 88,000 Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen missing in wars past.

The remembrance was designated by presidential decree in order to focus the attention of the citizens of the United States on all of our nation's warriors who have not made it home yet.

Through the signing of this decree, President Bush will declare the commemoration of nearly 78,000 service members missing from World War II, nearly 8,100 from the Korean War, close to 1,800 from Vietnam, 125 from the various operations during the Cold War, one from Operations Desert Storm and finally four from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

This event is observed on the third Friday of September, each year.

This year MIA/POW day is Sept. 21. It symbolizes the nation's concern and commitment to achieving the fullest possible accounting of Americans who, having been prisoners of war or missing in action, still remain unaccounted for, and the nation's commitment to achieving the fullest possible accounting for Americans who in the future may become prisoners of war, missing in action or otherwise unaccounted for as a result of hostile action.



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deployed in Southwest Baghdad.

Somewhere out there, two of our own remain.

Despite the tireless efforts, resources, analysis and searching, Spc. Alex Jimenez Jr., 25, and Pvt. Byron Fouty, 19, are still missing. Their official status changed from Duty Status, Whereabouts Unknown to Missing/Captured July 1.

As we strive to find them, I ask all of the Commandos, to keep our missing comrades and their families in your prayers.

This day of remembrance may not relieve the pain they feel, but I hope that it can extend our sympathy and support to them in this time of need that has gone on for so long.

The search for our two Commandos continues. We have resolved to find them and that mission remains the number one priority for this BCT.

We continue to bring the full weight of our intelligence assets — signal, open source and human intelligence assets — to bear in the

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This day has special meaning to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) as it brings a firsthand account to the 3,300 Soldiers

Humanitarian aid weakens insurgent hold

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3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Fort Benning Soldiers handed out humanitarian aid packages Sept. 12 to help break the hold insurgents have had on a poor community in Salman Pak.

A local sheik, also a concerned citizen leader, has been working with Company B, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, to combat the insurgent stranglehold.

Capt. Walter Straube, Ferndale, Calif., a fire support officer for Company B, said the Sunni sheik has been very helpful and has used his connection with the people to unify their resolve.

Straube said residents have stood up a concerned citizens group to counter insurgents who have been targeting the poverty-stricken people of the region.

Insurgents have been extorting the populace by forcing them to give money, possessions or food as payment in exchange for utilities such as food, water and gas.

The Soldiers handed out bags containing rice, cooking oil and other necessities. Straube said he feels confident that humanitarian missions like this one have helped.

On previous missions, Co. B Soldiers have distributed the humanitarian aid bags by hand, often while walking the neighborhoods.

"We've distributed bags before. Usually we go around the area and give out a few bags," Straube said. "We'll pass them out to people on the street, or we'll see a kid and give him a bag to

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Maj. Joe Sowers

Lt. Col. Ryan J. Kuhn talks with the mayor of the Mada'in Qada, Abu Bahar, before a security meeting Sept. 19.

3rd HBCT discusses security with Mada'in Qada leaders

MAJ. JOE SOWERS
3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Representatives from 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Iraqi police, Iraqi army and the government of the Mada'in Qada gathered Sept. 19 at FOB Hammer to discuss security issues and initiatives.

The purpose of the meeting was to synchronize the efforts of all units to decrease violence and secure the population of the Mada'in Qada.

Mada'in Qada Mayor Abu Bahar expressed his appreciation of the Iraqi army's participation in the meeting. Iraqi army units are a recent addition to Iraqi Security Forces in the region.

During the meeting, unit representatives briefed their counterparts on current and future operations. Much time was dedicated to proposed improvements to ISF facilities and plans to integrate concerned citizens groups into security efforts.

Concerned citizens groups within the Mada'in Qada are a new development. Leaders from 3rd HBCT estimate about 1,000 local citizens now play a role as part of concerned citizens groups. The concerned citizens are groups of Iraqi volunteers who cooperate with Coalition Forces to drive terrorists and insurgents from their own neighborhoods.

"This is a huge success," Bahar said through an interpreter. "We would like to expand this concept to other regions."

Bahar also said he has begun discussions with local leaders to initiate

additional volunteer groups in areas that currently have no such organization.

Lt. Col. Ryan J. Kuhn, deputy commander of 3rd HBCT, concurred with the mayor that concerned citizens were having a positive effect. He went on to emphasize that 3rd HBCT leadership is prepared to begin discussion with any local sheik interested in establishing a group of volunteers and encouraged his ISF counterparts to actively seek out volunteer leaders.

Brig. Gen. Adnon, the Chief of Iraqi police in the Qada, provided an update on a recent IP recruiting drive. He estimated that 80 percent of the 122 recruits have completed all prerequisites for admittance in the police academy with the exception of physicals.

Maj. Dave Fivecoat, 3rd HBCT operations officer, outlined the brigade's plan to establish two Joint Security Sites. The JSS would serve as command posts with representation from all ISF elements, local government and 3rd HBCT.

Kuhn said the establishment of Joint Security Sites would allow security forces to conduct coordinated security operations 24 hours a day.

"There are a lot of great things going on in the Mada'in Qada due to everyone's hard work," Kuhn said. "We have seen a significant decrease in violence in the Mada'in Qada."

The 3rd HBCT is assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga., and has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March.

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take home with him."

Straube believes by helping residents, they will be less inclined to be pushed around by the insurgents and even less likely to be persuaded or bribed to assist insurgents.

"Instead of an insurgent offering to pay \$300 for someone to dig them a hole for an improvised explosive device," he said, "by us giving them humanitarian aid bags, they'll probably say no as they are less likely to need it."

"Simply put, it will break the bond with the insurgents. Once that bond is broken, it will enable us to help them even more."

Along with the humanitarian aid bags, Soldiers also distributed six generators, two 10,000-gallon gas tanks, and many blankets and mattresses in preparation for the coming winter.

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search for Jimenez and Fouty.

Our patrols continue to search for any lead that will bring us closer or will connect the dots of other leads that will shed light on this mystery.

To date we have arrested over a dozen al-Qaeda affiliates involved in either the planning or the execution of the May 12 attack.

We continue to question these detainees and the residents of Qargouli Village, who until recently lived in the shadow of fear of the al-Qaeda tyranny.

The residents are coming forth in droves, identifying the terrorists, often at great peril to themselves and their families. They are beginning to cast out the enemy and side with us.

The attack along Route Malibu not only resulted in the capture of Jimenez and Fouty, but also left five other Soldiers from Company D, 4th Battalion 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd BCT and an Iraqi Soldier killed in action.

As we reflect on those missing, I ask that we also keep these Soldiers and their families in our prayers as well.

To take risks is a matter of honor. These Soldiers risked everything to accomplish their mission. We can do no less on this day than to remember them.

As we pause to reflect on their sacrifice, we can reaffirm ourselves to our Soldiers Creed, our mission here and our teammates.

This day is a way to remember the heroism and bravery that each of these servicemembers displayed. I ask that you reflect on this aspect as well. Remember each of these servicemembers, particularly those closest to us. Take time Sept. 21 to reflect upon their memories.

As the slogan imprinted on the serene black MIA/POW flag states — you are not forgotten!



Sgt. Chris McCann

A wall displays the names of fallen comrades of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., and photos of Spc. Alex Jimenez Jr. and Pvt. Byron Fouty, who went missing southwest of Baghdad May 12.

Safety Thought of the Day

Lifting Devices

- Any device or component used to raise, lower, hold, or position a load from one location or elevation to another.
- Examples of lifting devices include: jack stands, floor jacks, engine hoists, cranes, M88 recovery tank, HEMMTT wreckers, LHS and PLS.
- Leaders and Soldiers must ensure all lifting devices are PMCS'd prior to operations.
- Testing guidelines:
 - Prior to initial use, all new, extensively

repaired, or altered lifting devices shall be given a rated load test.

- Lifting devices which have been idle for one year or more shall be functionally tested at 100 percent of the rated load prior to use.

- Upon successful completion of the load test, the lifting device will be assigned the load rating, the load rating shall be clearly marked on the device, and stenciled or tagged with the next annual inspection date.

- For more information, see TB 43-0142/56.

Headline Highlights

Possible meteorite sickness; razor knock-offs

Peruvians sick from crater

LIMA (Reuters) — Dozens of people living in a Peruvian town near Lake Titicaca reported vomiting and headaches after they went to look at a crater apparently left by a meteorite that crashed down over the weekend, health officials said on Tuesday.

After hearing a loud noise, people went to see what had happened and found a crater 65 feet wide and 22 feet deep on an uninhabited plateau near Carancas in the Puno region.

Experts from Peru's Geophysical Institute are on their way to the area 800 miles south of Lima to verify whether it was a meteorite.

"We've examined about 100 people who got near to the meteorite crater who have vomiting and headaches because of gasses coming out of there," Jorge Lopez, health director in Puno, told Reuters.

"People are scared," he said.

Lopez said people went to the site after hearing a crash that they thought might be an airplane.

"We ourselves went near the crater and now we've got irritated throats and itching noses," Lopez said.

The site is near the border with Bolivia and experts from San Andres university in La Paz said initial analyses of sand samples from the crater showed that it could be a meteorite, according to newspaper reports.

Luisa Macedo, a geologist with the

Mining Geology and Metallurgy Institute in Lima, told Reuters the reaction between the elements in a meteorite and the Earth's surface can generate gases that then dissipate.

Meteorites fell in 2002 and 2004 in the Andean area of Arequipa in southern Peru, Hernando Tavera, head of the Peruvian Geophysical Institute, told Reuters.

Brothers on cutting edge of Gillette knock-offs

BEIJING (Reuters) — Two Chinese brothers have been charged with making 160,000 fake "Gillette" razor blades, the latest in a series of product and piracy scandals to hit the country.

The brothers, surnamed Zhang, were accused of assembling Gillette Mach 3 razor blades at home with family members without the permission from Gillette (China), Xinhua news agency said Wednesday, quoting prosecutors in Wenzhou in Zhejiang province.

Authorities raided the home on July 4 last year, confiscating more than 30,000 blades. More than 120,000 blades had been transported to Shanghai, according to the brothers' statement, Xinhua said.

"It is estimated the counterfeits were worth about 2.54 million yuan (\$336,000) based on the average market price in Wenzhou," it said.

Pirated goods ranging from drugs and designer bags to golf clubs and

DVDs have become a major source of friction between Beijing and Washington.

China is also embroiled in a series of food and product safety scandals ranging from toys and toothpaste to drugs and food.

Lawyer dives into prison ship protest

BOGOTA (Reuters) — The lawyer for a right-wing Colombian warlord donned scuba diving gear on Tuesday to confront the nation's prison authority for imprisoning his client on a ship.

Attorney Gilberto Lozano said keeping Carlos Jimenez on a ship off the Pacific coast makes it too difficult for him to meet with his defense team.

To make his point, Lozano wore swim fins and an oxygen tank over his brown business suit as he entered Colombia's prison authority building to file a complaint.

Jimenez, alias "Macaco," is expected to be extradited to the United States on cocaine charges. He was put on the naval ship to keep rival paramilitary leaders from killing him.

"In no part of Colombia's prison code does it say it is permitted to put a person in such a place," said Lozano, lifting a diving mask from his face to talk with reporters.

"If I am going to see my client I guess I'll have to swim," he said. "It's a good thing I'm from the coast myself."

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Thank you

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